

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 88 because this bill contains many provisions needed to implement programs authorized in the Proposition 1B transportation bond. This bill is a major step in delivering on the promise made to the voters to improve our infrastructure and increase public safety. However, I would like to see stronger accountability measures and authorizations for the Goods Movement and State-Local Partnership programs, and I encourage the Legislature to continue their work on these programs by passing additional legislation to ensure that Californians get the maximum benefits from these bonds. I also urge the Legislature to authorize more public-private partnerships and grant design-build authority to leverage the bond funds for goods movement.

I am directing my Administration to continue the accountability efforts outlined in Executive Order S-02-07 and in this bill. However, this bill appears to include a drafting error making the general reporting requirements for Local Streets and Roads under Article 1 applicable to the State Controller's Office. Separate and simplified oversight requirements for that program are included under Article 10. I encourage the Legislature to quickly enact corrective legislation.

As I noted in my signing message for the budget bill, I am sustaining the legislative augmentation of an additional \$139,000,000 provided for trade corridor emissions reductions to be expended in the budget year. The people who voted for Proposition 1B are demanding this action. I know that my colleagues in the Legislature agree with these goals, and that the staff of the State Air Resources Board is up to this challenge. Because the language adopted by the Legislature relies heavily on local and regional entities to carry out this program, I am calling on those entities to work closely with the State Air Resources Board and ensure they are prepared to submit applications to receive and allocate funding as soon as possible in this fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger